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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 10084

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAID, IN  
SUBJECT: ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL

REF: STATE 159632

1. BISHOP JONAS CALLED ON ECONOMIC COUNSELOR JULY 15 TO  
INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS OF THE GRANT FOR ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.  
HE HAD JUST RETURNED TO DELHI AND EXPECTS TO DEPART ON MONDAY.

2. ECON COUNSELOR SAID DEPARTMENT HAD TAKEN SOME INITIATIVES  
THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO SEE IF GOI STANCE MIGHT BE  
MODIFIED. WE WERE WAITING TO SEE IF THESE MIGHT BE FRUITFUL  
BEFORE RESPONDING NORMALLY TO THE GOI LETTER.

3. BISHOP JONAS SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY A CLOSE PERSONAL  
FRIEND OF MOF MINISTER PATEL AND BY HIS SPECIAL ASSISTANT  
PANDE, THAT THE ENDOWMENT FOR ST. JOHN'S HAD BEEN APPROVED BUT  
THAT SOME FACE-SAVING DEVICE WAS NOW BEING SOUGHT BY GOI.  
NOTING THAT THE GOI CONSIDERS THE NEXT MOVE MUST COME FROM  
THE US SIDE, BISHOP JONAS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT FURTHER  
DELAYS IN SEEKING AN ACCEPTABLE FORMULA. HE IS CONFIDENT  
THE GOI WILL ULTIMATELY ACCEPT THE ENDOWMENT PROPOSAL AND  
THEREFORE WE CAN EXPECT HIM TO USE HIS XIDIDERABLE SKILLS  
BOTH IN NEW DELHI AND WASHINGTON TO CAUSE THOSE WO CAN IN-  
FLUENCE THE DECISION TO STAY IN MOTION.

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4. CONSEQUENTLY, WE CONSIDER IT BEST THAT WE RESUME ACTIVITY  
DESIGNED TO BRING THE ST. JOHN'S ENDOWMENT INTO EXISTENCE.  
WE FEAR THAT FURTHER DELAY AWAITING RESULTS FROM THE KEWAL  
SINGH INITIATIVE MAY BE SEEN AS LACK OF EFFORT ON OUR PART.  
ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD AGAIN UNDERTAKE TALKS  
WITH THE GOI ON ST. JOHN'S. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO CONTINUE TO

PRESS FOR APPROVAL OF THE ST. JOHN'S ENDOWMENT. WE WOULD ALSO INDICATE US WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RUPEE ZBKG FOR SUPPORT OF HEALTH PROJECTS. WHILE WE WOULD NOT INTERRELATE THE TWO, WE WOULD NOT OBJECT IF THE GOI WISHED TO DO SO IN ORDER TO RATIONALIZE ITS REVERSAL OF POSITION ON THE ENDOWMENT.

5. WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM BISHOP JONAS BEFORE HE DEPARTS ON JULY 18 THAT THE EMBASSY WILL AGAIN DISCUSS ST. JOHN'S WITH GOI. WE COULD IN ANY EVENT LEARN IF THERE HAS BEEN A SOFTENING OF THE GOI POSITION AND THEN BETTER JUDGE WHAT OUR NEXT STEP SHOULD BE.  
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